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HIS SAYING,

That the Light within *is not ſufficient to Salvation without ſomething elſe:*

PROV'D

To be contrary to the Foundation of the Chriſtian Religion.

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BY the FOUNDATION of Chriſtianity I underſtand the *Ground*, or Reaſon we have to Believe that JESUS CHRIST is a Perſon ALL-SUFFICIENT to *Save his People from their Sins:* His People, that is to ſay, thoſe who put their whole Truſt and Confidence in Him, to Deliver them from All EVIL, and to bring them to the Everlaſting Enjoyment of all that is Truly and Really GOOD for them. The People call'd *Quakers* plainly, and expreſly Declare, that by *The Light within*, they underſtand JESUS CHRIST Himſelf, and all that comes from Him, tending to the CONVICTION, and CONVERSION *of Sinners.* Now ſince *The Light within* is the Onely True and Eternal SON of the Onely True and Eternal GOD, LIGHT OF LIGHT, VERY GOD

GOD OF VERY GOD (yet but one God) is it not a kind of *Blasphemy* to say, That the Light within is not Sufficient without Something Else? How vain and absurd (to say no worse) is G. KEITH's Insulting over G. WHITEHEAD in the Pamphlet he Entitles, G. KEITH's *Second Narative*, in these words: "Here now "at length he hath openly shown his Deism and *Antichri-* "*stian* Doctrine, for if it be an offensive and false Assertion "to say, The *Light within* is not sufficient to Salvation with- "out something else, the Contradictory must be true, that "the *Light within* is sufficient to salvation without any "thing else, and so without Christ's Blood outwardly shed, "and his Sacrifice on the Cross, and Intercession for us in "Heaven, all which are *something else* than the *Light with-* "*in Men.* Answer; such a Proposition as this, *the Light within is sufficient to Salvation without any thing else*, is to be Rejected for this Reason, that such words imply this false supposition, that there may be *something*, that is not included in the signification of Τὰ Πάντα *Coloss.* 1. 17. Καὶ Τὰ Πάντα Ἐν Αὐτῷ Συνέστηκε. "By him (Jesus Christ, the *Light* "*within*) all things Consist, that is, they have their Being Ἐν Αὐτῷ in him, whose *Nature* Præexistent to the *Humane Nature* which HE was Pleas'd to Assume for Us Men, even for our Salvation, is the One NATURE, or BEING *Absolutely Infinite*. I shall here Recite some words of a Letter I sent to G. KEITH in Answer to one I Received from Him: "You say, the *Light within* Us could "not become a Curse for Us, nor be Hanged on a Tree. To this I Answer, That the *Same Person*, or HE HIMSELF, who is the *Light within* Us, became a Curse for Us, and was Hanged on a Tree. You say also, That "GOD is in all the Devils, and he is Light Essentially "in them all; and yet would it not sound harsh to thy Ears "to say, The *Light* in all Devils is sufficient to their Salva- "tion?

" tion? &c. Answ. such a saying would indeed sound very harsh to my Ears: For GOD is not in the Nature of Devils, as he is in the Nature of Man: For our Salvation, not for the Salvation of Devils, the TRUE LIGHT *was Incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made Man, and was Crucified also for Us, under* Pontius Pilate: *He Suffer'd, and was Buryed; & the third Day he Rose again according to the Scriptures, and Ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the Right Hand of the Father, and he shall come again with Glory to Judge the Quick and the Dead, whose Kingdom shall have no End.* Whosoever does not Act contrary to the Manifestation of his present Duty, may be truly said, to *walk in Light*; and shall from time to time have so much *(Explicit, or Implicit)* Knowledge of what our Blessed LORD hath done, and *Suffer'd in the Flesh*, and of his Intercession, &c. as the True Light, the *Infinity of Wisdom*, Knows to be necessary for him: whosoever therefore Faithfully adheres to the *Light within*, tho' he be depriv'd of the Sight or Hearing of the Holy Scriptures, of all Good Books, and of all Religious Society, he shall as certainly Remain in a State of Salvation, as if he had all such outward Means of Grace. I shall say no more at this time, but that I Beseech Almighty GOD to Give his Grace to Thee, and my Dear Christian Reader, *That we may know the Love of Christ, which passeth Knowledge; that we may be Fill'd with all the Fulness of GOD.*

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